

TEMPORARY DECORATIVE LIGHTING OVER STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The following shall only apply to temporary (30 days), decorative electric lighting and their associated power systems over streets and sidewalks that are supplied from a private property, as prescribed in Section 62.131 of the Municipal Code.

Except as modified by this Information Bulletin, installations shall comply with all other applicable provisions of Public Utilities Commission General Order No. 95 and the applicable provisions of sections 410, 590 and other sections of the Los Angeles Electrical Code. If two or more pertinent limitations are not identical, those limitations which provide the greater degree of safety shall prevail.

1. **Overcurrent Protection.** Externally operable fused switches may be used to supply temporary street festoons or garland lighting branch circuits in lieu of circuit breakers. Branch circuits shall not exceed 20 amperes in rating.
2. **Branch Circuit.** The branch circuit wiring is permitted to comply with section 590.4(C) Exception. The branch circuit support is permitted to be in accordance with section 590.4(J) Exception.
3. **Energized Garlands.**
 - a. Energized conductors and the lowest portion of energized garlands not supported from span wires shall not be less than 20 feet above street surface.
 - b. Energized conductors and the lowest portion of energized garlands supported from span wires shall not be less than 18 feet above street surface.
 - c. Where located above portions of sidewalks or parkways accessible to pedestrians only, energized conductors and the lowest portion of energized garlands shall not be less than 12 feet above sidewalks or parkways, except that the height may be reduced to eight feet for festoon lights draped on trees.
4. **Decorative Lighting.** Decorative lighting and similar accessories shall be listed by a recognized testing agency or approved as required in sections 410.160, 590.5, and 93.0402 of the Los Angeles Electrical Code.

Note: For the purpose of interpretation:

1. A Street is the area between curbs and any side walk upon which a vehicle can be driven or parked.
2. An energized garland is any decoration or figure supported from wires or other approved supports and electrically illuminated.